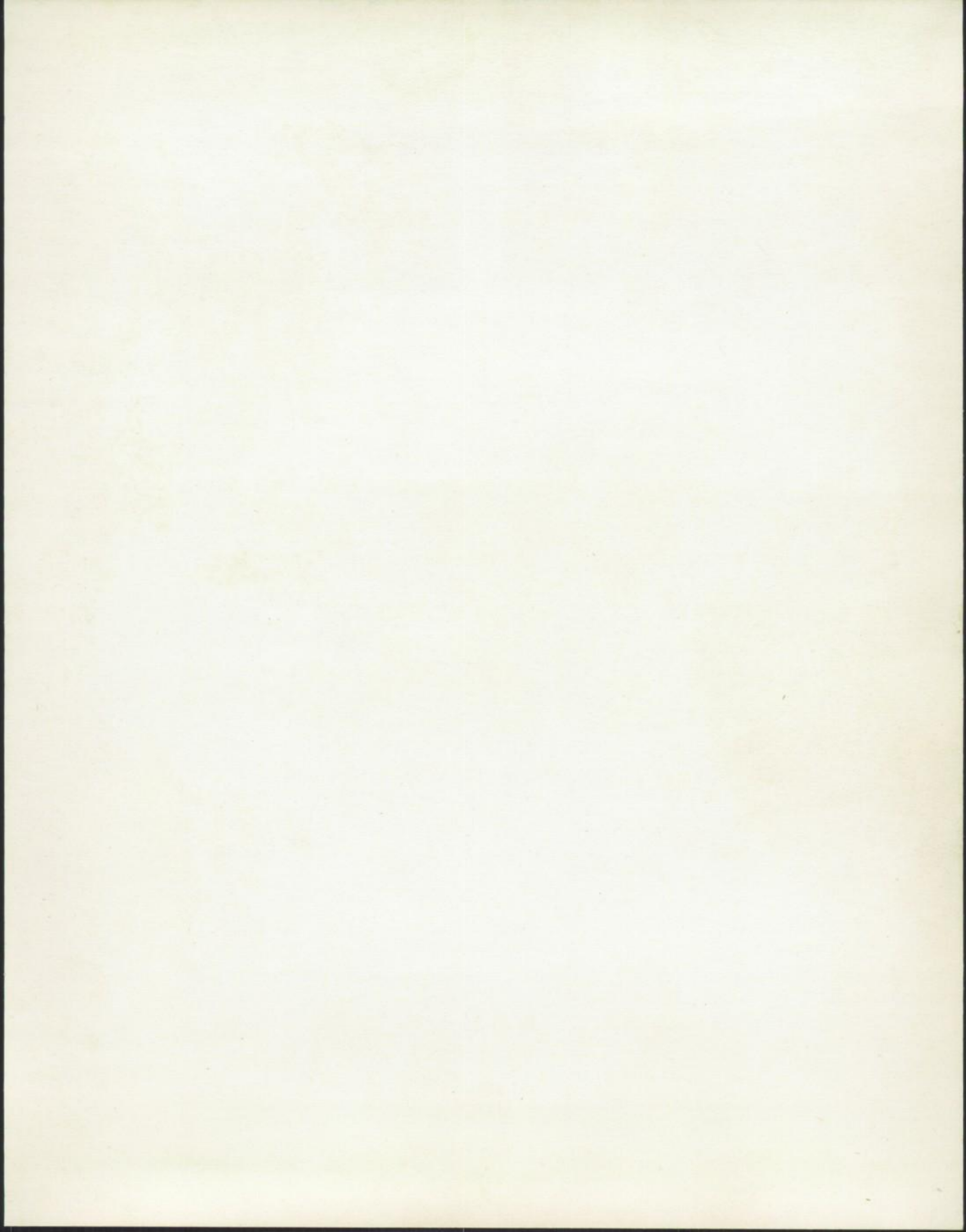


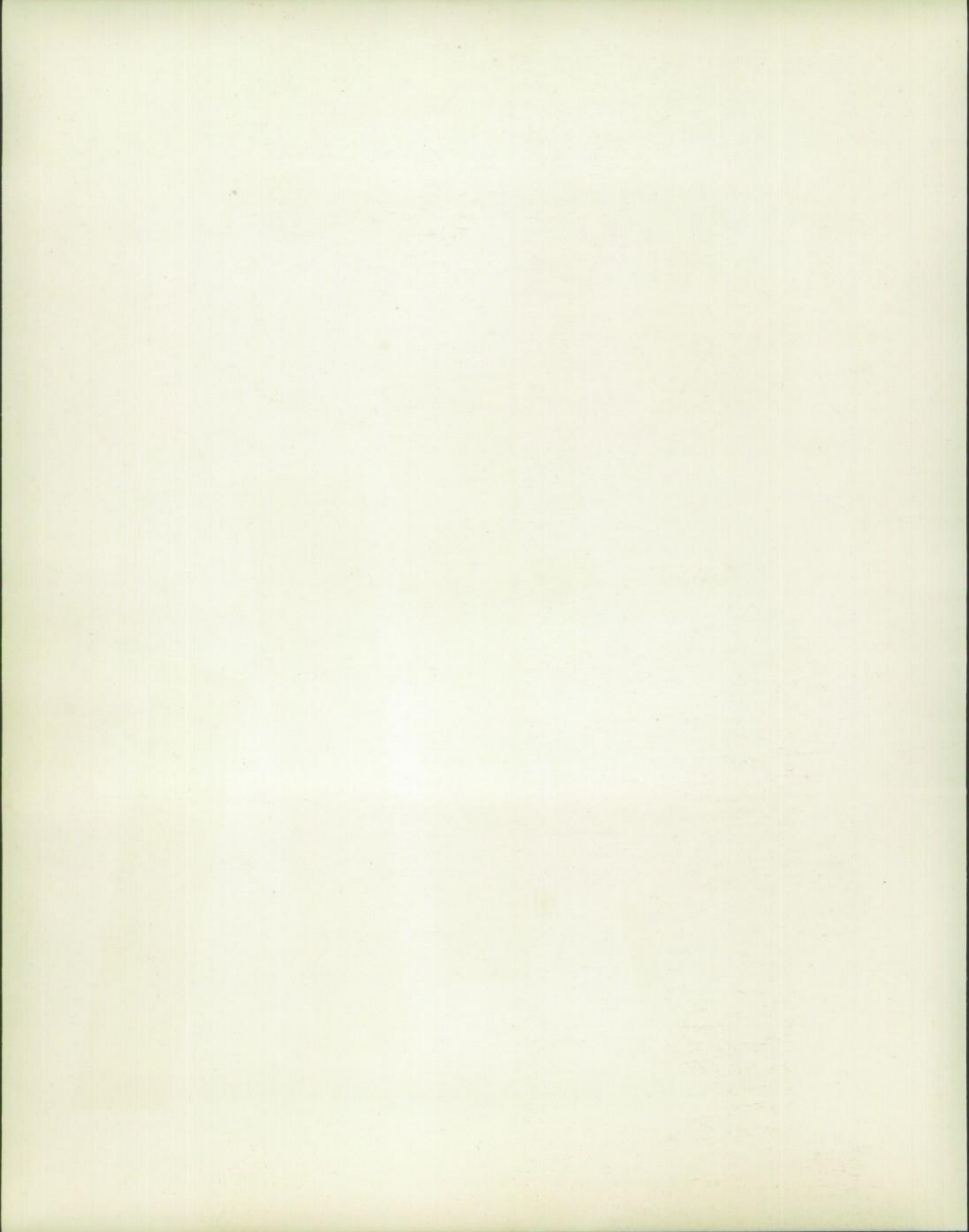
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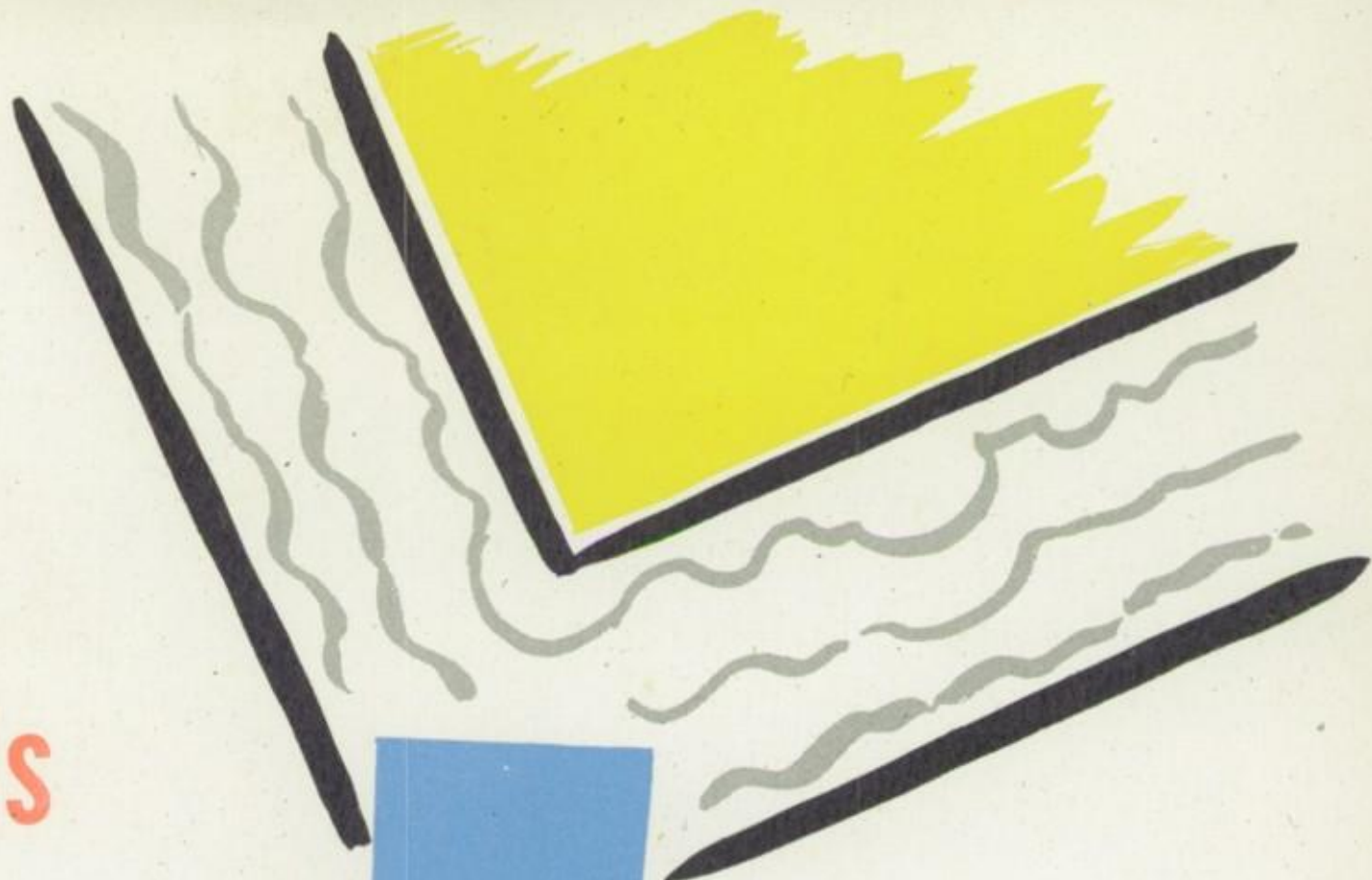
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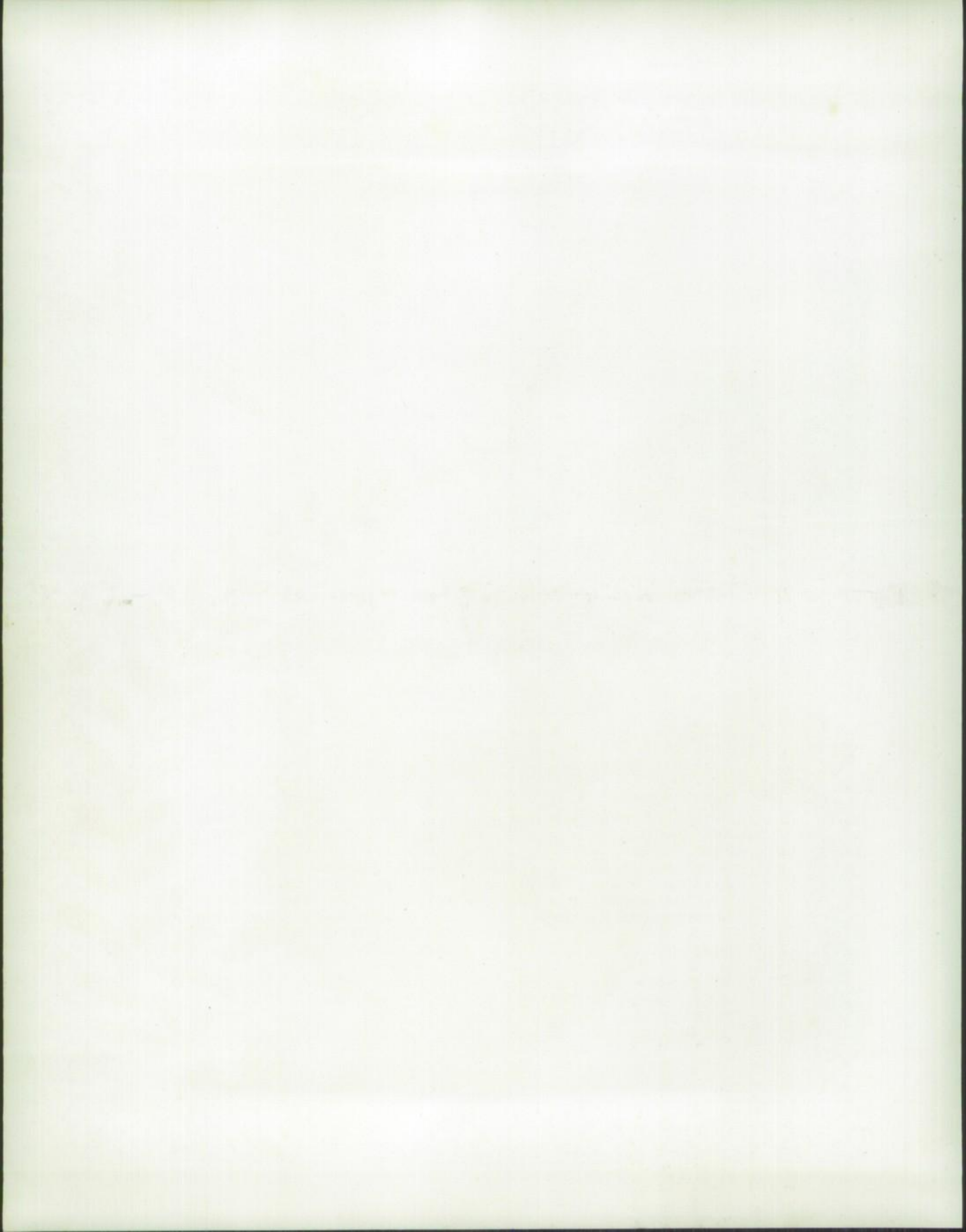
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DEDICATION



MISS FERN FRANK

This year the class of 1955 wishes to honor two persons with the dedication of their yearbook, "The Hilltopper."

Miss Fern Frank has for many years given invaluable assistance to the junior and senior classes in their class play productions.

Miss Eileen Scholz with her very excellent art talent has willingly helped the high school classes with any needed art work.

We dedicate this book to them not only as a gesture of appreciation for their help, but also for the school-time friendship which has developed and will certainly last in the years to come.



administration





BOARD OF EDUCATION

Seated, Left to Right: George Gallup; Tom Frank, Secretary; R. H. Monier, President; Eugene Turnbull
 Standing: E. B. Jones, Superintendent; Wayne Hunt, Ralph Monier, John Weekly, Jr.

We students appreciate the above group's extra efforts and the many hours spent in studying and planning for the welfare of our future citizens and students through the new-building program.



Mrs. Florence Howell, Secretary; E. B. Jones, Superintendent





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Congratulations to the class of 1955! In a democracy, progress is the most important product. The next decade will bring forth new advancements far beyond the present realm of human conception.

We hope that your four years at Sparland High School will prove to be an invaluable aid in establishing your place in society. What you do with your training is now up to you.

Success to the class of 1955! As you take up the torch of life beyond high school, may you hold it high. Always strive upward and onward as you go through life. I am sure you are a group who will climb to great heights.



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(Home Economics)

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Robert Turnbull

Class Vice President-3,4; Band(Drum) 1,2,3,4; Boys' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-1,2,4; Library Club-2; Pep Club-1,4; Basketball Mgr.-2,3; Dist. & State Contest-1,2,3,4; Homecoming Escort-1; Junior Play-3; Senior Play 3,4; Student Council-4; Typing Award (Speed)-3; Annual Staff-4, (Snapshot Editor).



Lucille McCullough

Class Treasurer-2; Sec.-Treas.-3; President-4; F.H.A.-1,2,3,4 (Vice-Pres.-3)(Pres.-4)(Camp-3); G.A.A.-1,2,3,4 (Pres.-4); Pep Club-1,4; Band - 1,2,3,4 (Marimba & Cornet); Dist. Contest-1,2,3,4; State Contest-1,2,4; Girls' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-1,2,4; Junior & Senior Plays; Girls' State; Homecoming Attendant-1, Candidate-4; Annual Staff-4, (Business Manager).



Joanne Thielbar

G.A.A.-1,2,3,4 (Sec.-4); Pep Club-1,4; F.H.A.-1,2,3,4 (Treas.-3, Parliamentarian-4); Mixed & Girls' Chorus-1,2; Junior & Senior Plays; Homecoming Candidate-3; Annual Staff-4, (Snapshot Editor).



Dean Probyn

Basketball-1; Boys' Chorus-1; Mixed Chorus-1; F.F.A.-1,2,3,4, (Treasurer-3); Student Council-2,3; Junior & Senior Play; Homecoming Escort-4; Annual Staff-4, (Art Editor).





Merrielle Jury

Class President-1; Homecoming Queen Candidate-1; G.A.A.-1,2,3,4, (Vice-President-2,4; Reporter-3) Pep Club 1,4; Mixed Chorus - 1,2,4; Girls' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Class Secretary-2,3; Class Treasurer-4; F.H.A. - 1; Library Club-2,3; D.A.R. Award-4; Senior Play; Annual Staff-4, (Art Editor).



Lloyd Davis

Class President-3; Vice President-2; Student Council-4, (Vice President); Pep Club-4; Basketball-1; Track-3; Junior & Senior Plays; Annual Staff-4, (Editor).



Ivan Dalton

Basketball-2,3,4; (Basketball Manager-1); Baseball-2,4; Boys' Chorus-4; Band-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-4; Junior Play (Toluca) and Senior Play; District Band Contest-2; Annual Staff-4, (Assignment Editor).



Doris Spellious

F.H.A.-1,2,3,4; G.A.A.-1,2,3,4; Pep Club-1,4; Mixed Chorus-2,4; Girls' Chorus-2,3,4; Junior & Senior Plays; Annual Staff - 4, (Arrangement Editor).





Jo Anne Campbell

Class Reporter-4; Girls' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-1,2,4; G.A.A.-1,2,3,4; Point Keeper (4); F.H.A.-1,2,3,4; Cheerleader-4; Junior & Senior Play 3,4; Library Club-1,2,3,4; Spanish Club-4; Pep Club-1,4; Annual Staff-4, (Girls' Sports); Bookkeeping Award-3; Shorthand Award-3; Band (Clarinet)-1,2,3,4; District Music Contest-1,2,3,4; State Music Contest-4; Homecoming Queen Candidate-2



Jack Herncjar

Basketball-1; Baseball-4; F.F.A.-2; Boys' Chorus-2; Band-1,2,3,4; Student Council-1,2; Library Club-2; Senior Play; Pep Club-1; Annual Staff-4; Typing Award (Accuracy)-3



James Davis

Basketball-1,2,3,4; Baseball-1,2,3,4; Student Council-1; Annual Staff (Sports Editor); Junior & Senior Play-3,4; Pep Club-4



Mauritta Streitmatter

G. A. A.-1,2,3,4; Pep Club-1,4; F.H.A.-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-2,4; Girls' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Library Club-1,2,3; Junior and Senior Play-3,4; Annual Staff-4, (Business Manager)





Ruth Ann Ryan

G.A.A.-1; Pep Club-1,4; F.H.A.-1,2,3,4 (Public Relations-4, Point Keeper -4); Student Council-3; Girls' Chorus 2,4; Mixed Chorus-4; District Contest 4 (Vocal); Junior & Senior Plays; Annual Staff-4 (Arrangement Editor).



Patricia Jones

Lake View High School, Chicago-1,2; G.A.A.-3,4; F.H.A.-3,4; Pep Club-4; Student Council-3,4; Girls' Chorus-3,4; Mixed Chorus-4; Junior & Senior Plays; Annual Staff-4 (Calendar).



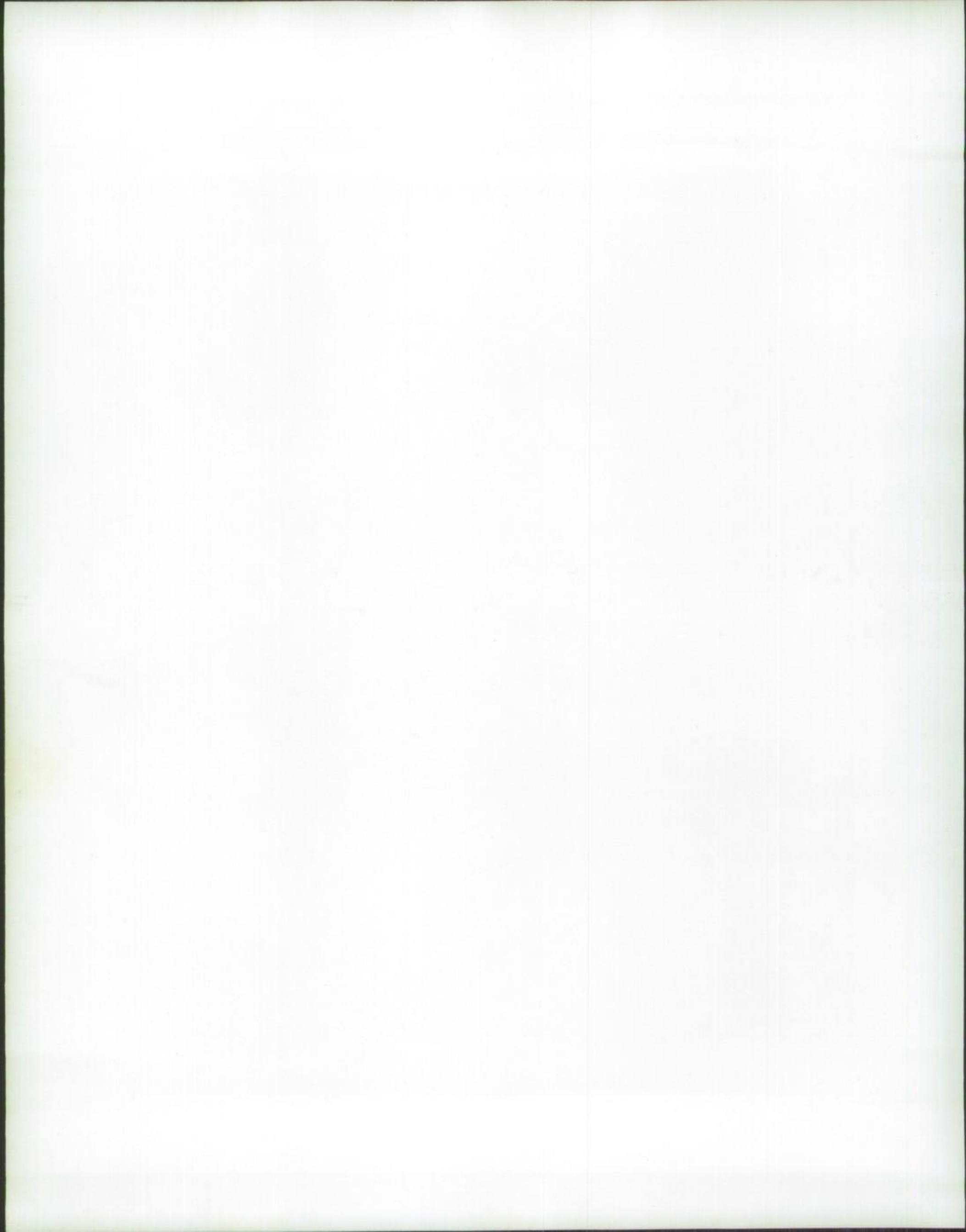
John Curry

Class President-2; Treasurer-1; Student Council-3,4 (President-4); Boys' Chorus-2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-2,4; Pep Club-2,4 (Sr. Representative); Baseball-1,2,3,4; Basketball-1,2,3; Track 3; Library Club-2; Junior & Senior Plays; Homecoming Escort-2; Annual Staff-4 (Assistant Editor).



Barbara McDonald

Class Secretary-1,4; Reporter - 2,3; F.H.A.-1,2,3,4 (Recreation Chairman-4); G.A.A.-1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus-1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus-1,2,4; Junior & Senior Play; Band-1,2,3,4 (Clarinet) District Contest-1,2,3,4; Pep Club-1,4 (Sr. Representative); Annual Staff-4 (Arrangement Committee).





THE CLASS HISTORY

The year is 1995 and it is once again time to attend the Snarland Alumni Banquet. Well, here's the table of 55-ers. This ought to be a good time to talk over old times! We're all in our fifties, but we can well remember our first day of school back in 1943. There were eighteen of us: Jerry Anderson, James Babington, Carol Jean Baggs, Jo Anne Campbell, Lloyd Davis, Mary Alice Downey, John Englebrecht, Merrielle Jury, Loretta Kear, Harold Kennedy, Lucille McCullough, Russell Medearis, Donna Nighawonger, Bobby Noret, William Rebholz, June Rowe, Doris Spellicious and Joanne Thielbar. Our teacher was Edythe Babington. Remember how we were scared speechless every time those big high-schoolers came bounding down the stairs?

The next year a new member was added to the faculty. This was Miss Eileen Scholz, who was so patient with all nineteen of us. During this year, five had left and six new classmates joined us. It was during the first two years that we used the system of monitors, where certain students helped the teacher. That was really a privilege!

The third year we advanced across the hall where Mrs. Myrtle Monier gave us further instruction. This year we lost five but gained ten, one of which was Mauritta Streitmatter. Our class seemed to be growing larger each year.

It seemed that we would have a new teacher every year, for in the fourth grade, Mrs. Josephine Palmquist taught us. Twenty-two were enrolled in this class and we just longed for the next year when we could climb all of those stairs to get to our room.

Here we had Miss Fern Frank as our very capable teacher. Nine left and we gained two who were Norman Haycraft and Barbara McDonald. This made us a class of fifteen.

In the sixth grade we gained four, one being one of our graduates, Dean Probyn. This year we had fun selling magazines and earning money all kinds of ways so that we could take a trip. This trip was to the two Peoria parks, the newspaper office, and the Roszell dairy plant.

In the seventh grade, under Mrs. Margaret Wilson, we sold cards and earned more money and took another trip. This one was north to the Palisades, Grant's home, and a little way into Wisconsin. Can't think of the boy who threw spitballs and had to chew a whole pint full for Mrs. Wilson that year!

We then entered the eighth grade and we really thought we were grown up. With Mrs. Wilson still as our teacher, we worked hard and took a trip to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan. This was quite an experience for most of us. As graduation neared, we realized that there would be no more birthday parties to celebrate nor any holiday treats. At graduation, twenty-one made up our class and these were: Jerry Anderson, Jo Anne Campbell, Marilyn Cockerham, Ivan Dalton, Jim Davis, Lloyd Davis, Bill Davis, Joanna Haycraft, Jack Hernofar, Merrielle Jury, Lucille McCullough, Barbara McDonald, Dean Probyn, Daniel Roberts, Mauritta Streitmatter, and Joanne Thielbar. Five LaPrairie boys were added to our graduating class and these were Bob Turnbull, John Curry, Harry Colwell, Robert Smith, and Ray Rumbold. Our eighth grade graduation motto was: Children Today-Citizens Tomorrow. The class flower was a white carnation and our colors were pink, green, and white.

All the graduates from eighth grade came into high school except Marilyn Cockerham, Joanna Haycraft, Daniel Roberts, and Robert Smith. Don Lucke, Ruth Ann Ryan, and Doris Spellicious were three new faces in our freshman class. We lived through initiation and enjoyed our class party and looked forward to being sophomores because we would no longer be treated as babies.

We started out the Sophomore class with twenty but lost three--Harry Colwell, Don Lucke, and Bill Davis. Tony Goista joined our group in the spring. Our first activity as Sophomores was a hayrack ride. Our assembly consisted of two movies. This was also the first year that the F.H.A. girls had a slumber party. I hear that there has never been a thing like it to hit Snarland since!

In the Junior year we gained Ruth Stuff and Pat Jones and lost Jerry Anderson, Wanda Moline, and Tony Goista. The first big event was the day we received our class rings. We were really proud of those and showed them off like crazy! Next came our class play, "Headin' For a Weddin'" which was quite a success. Mr. Fred Lippencott directed it. Finally it was time for the Junior-Senior Prom which we had planned and worked for all spring. It was held in the LaSalle Room of the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. The theme, Starlight Gardens, was carried out during the evening.

The next year we were sophisticated Seniors. We lost Ray Rumbold and Ruth Stuff. First thing in the fall we worked on our play, "The Boarding House Resch" under the direction of Miss Clare Godsel and it turned out successful also. Homecoming was the next thing to be planned. Christmas Dinner followed closely and we gave our assembly. Planning the Annual, the Chicago trip, and graduation kept us busy all spring.

As I recall, among the sixteen who graduated, there were five who had gone all the twelve years together and those were Joanne Thielbar, Lucille McCullough, Jo Anne Campbell, Merrielle Jury, and Lloyd Davis.

It was wonderful talking over old times at Snarland High here at the Alumni Banquet tonight, and I hope that we can all return many more years from now and bring back some more remembrances of school days.





SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1955 of Sparland High School, do hereby make and declare this to be our last will and testament, in form and manner as follows:

I, Barbara McDonald, hereby will my membership in the "Dewers Club" to Dolly Gauwitz. Keep the Chillicothe interest circulating around the halls of Sparland High.

I, Dean Probyn, will my ability to be seen, but not heard to Shirley Olson. I think you'll find it useful sometimes, Shirley.

I, Mauritta Streitmatter, will my naturally black, wavy hair to Elsie Schultz. But don't throw away your bobbi pins, Elsie, it might rain.

I, Lloyd Davis, will my driving ability to Roger Griswold. Be sure to watch out for those unexpected water fountains.

I, Joanne Thielbar, hereby leave my dog's muzzle to Bernadine Hankins. This is guaranteed to cut down on the constant chatter.

I, Bob Turnbull, will my tendency for being the "life of the party" to Melvin Olson. You also might find the joke book in my study hall desk of great value.

I, Jo Anne Campbell, do hereby leave my dimpled smile to Barbara Biggar. You can save it for that special pilot of yours.

I, Jack Herncjar, will all my unsigned excuse blanks to "Punk" Kennedy. They'll make a big fire anyway.

I, Ruth Ann Ryan, will some of my thirty belts to John Deitrich. Make good use of them.

I, Ivan Dalton, leave my cartooning ability to Roger Hoskins. You might even become Sparland's first great artist.

I, Lucille McCullough, do hereby will my musical ability to Joe Watkins. Always remember: never be sharp, never be flat, but always be natural.

I, John Curry, will my ability to understand Mr. Turnbull's jokes to Paul Mutta. It's really very simple after you think about them for a few hours.

I, Doris Spellious, do hereby will my long eye lashes to Beverly Summitt. You also might find my eye lash curler useful.

I, Jim Davis, will my centennial beard to Frank McCuskey. You may as well have my unused razor blades, too.

I, Merrielle Jury, leave my straight "A" average to Carol Lutes. Be sure to keep your name on the top of the Honor Roll.

I, Patricia Jones, will my collection of love letters to Miss Hadley. These are to be used for Shorthand Dictation in the coming years.

We, the Class of 1955, leave to the entire school the example we have set as worthy scholars and blameless students. Our record has been spotless and in all the annals of our career we have done no deed, as a class, that we need blush for.

To the Junior Class, we bestow our richest treasures. Our Senior dignity, our excellent wit, our superlative brilliancy, our good looks, our charming manners, our favor with the teachers, our splendid grades, and our triumphant exit as the most popular class ever to pass through the portals of Sparland High School. These are the rare treasures that we now hand down to the coming Senior Class.





To prophesy, according to Webster, is to foretell, to look imaginarily into the future, or to tell as a prophet. I am going to try to fulfill this definition in the following document.

On the night of May 20, 1955, the Seniors of Sparland High School made an agreement after the Class Night program to meet exactly ten years from that night for a reunion. The place was to be at the home of the most successful person of the class.

It is now May, 1965, and the reunion is to take place. Everybody has been contacted and the party is ready to be held. The place for the party is to be at the most spacious and luxurious home on Staten Island in New York--that of Mr. Ivan Dalton, Esq. Mr. Dalton, or "Ivan the mad Russian" as we best remember him, immediately acquired fortune and fame after he was graduated from S.H.S. Mr. Dalton got an executive job, through the government, managing a rubber stamp production company in New York. Since that appointment, Ivan has become extremely wealthy although he has never married. He, with his immense wealth, is still playing the field with every beauty in the world from China to Africa, although Mr. Dalton has been quoted as saying that the mad Russian girls still hold the greatest attraction for him.

Among one of the first guests to arrive, Mr. Dalton told me, was Miss Doris Spellious. Doris certainly did all right for herself in this dark cruel world. She is the manufacturer of girls' lockers. It seems that she just never had enough room in her locker at school so after she graduated, she went right into production. The going was tough at first, but Doris not being one to give up easily, has developed her idea into a nationwide concern called the Spellious Spacious Lockers. Doris is another member of our class who let success crowd out the thought of marriage.

The second to arrive was the Reverend James Davis. It seems that Jim, as most of us remember him, got caught in a most interesting and exciting evangelistic movement and thus joined it and devoted himself to healing and curing people through mass meetings. The Reverend Davis's work has taken him to all parts of the world, and as I get the story, Davis married a Hindu woman from Pakistan who was also in the evangelistic business and they have fifteen little Hindus.

They say Miss Barbara McDonald has just arrived. I guess that I will go out to see if Barb has changed any. Oh, my gosh, Barbara has lost all of those freckles. It seems that Barb went into the production of NO-PREK after she was graduated from beauty school. NO-PREK is an ointment that removes freckles from the skin and through this product she has become quite well off. Doris told me that Barbara married a freckle-faced Mongolian, and, after removing his freckles, she sent him back to Mongolia where he was to introduce her product to the much freckled Mongolian people.

The guests seem to be pouring in quite rapidly now--why, there is John Curry! I haven't seen him since graduation. I guess it was during the time that he served in the Armed Forces that Hauntz, as he was called by a few, got his big break in life. John has always been nuts about these science fiction pictures, such as "Invaders from Mars," "The Thing," etc., with his favorite actor being Boris Karloff. John is now a stand-in for this type of picture, and his name has been changed to Haunch Zombo. I guess that since he started this work, he has spent half of his time in some robot or zombie outfit. This work must be quite exciting and different.

I see Dean Probyn is sitting over there on the couch, trying to strike up a conversation with Miss Spellious. I think that Mr. Probyn went into the most exciting type of work of any member of the class. Dean is with the F.B.I. Think of the excitement that a person would get by going to the door of a house in a hoodlum district and saying that you represent "Fuller Brushes, Incorporated." Oh, well, maybe it wouldn't be so exciting, but I imagine that it is rather profitable.

Over on the couch next to Dean is Merrielle Jury. Talking to John Curry, she tells how things are for her. Merrielle always planned to become a nurse and devote her life to taking care of the sick and afflicted. But after she completed training and started working in a hospital, one of her patients turned out to be her future husband. The patient's name was Jacques Gabor, who was a famous dress designer in Paris. After he was cured, he and Merrielle were wed and both returned to Paris. I would wager that Merrielle is one of the best dressed ladies present tonight and she will probably remain so as long as her husband continues in this business.

One of the few to remain around the original locality of the class of 1955, is Lucille McCullough. After being graduated, Lucille started apprentice work with Mrs. E. B. Jones in the floral shop in Lacon, Illinois. Due to a new teacher's job in the state of Washington for Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones was forced to give up the floral shop and thus Lucille took it over. It seems that she has been quite successful in the business and has opened four other shops in various places throughout the vicinity. Lucille is also another one who let the problems of business crowd out the thought of matrimony.

The gathering is now starting to take the shape of the old '55 class. There is Jo Anne Campbell, who they say has taken up the career of being an author. Jo Anne is widely known for her books on etiquette. She was always the most lady-like of the girls in the class, and I guess she is going to try to make better ladies and gentlemen out of the younger class through her books on correct manners, etc. Jo Anne has been married five different times and has a total of fifteen children. As classmates, we remember that she said that she would probably never get married, but it looks as if she did all right in that field.

It seems that some of the class has stuck together even after these long years. Joanne Thielbar and Ruth Ann Ryan have been like sisters ever since the graduation in '55. They went immediately to Peoria after the school year and took secretarial jobs with the Scotch Paper Company. The girls room at the Y.W.C.A. and on the side they do some odd jobs. Ruth Ann, or "Pootch" as some of us knew her, gives swimming lessons on the side and Joanne does an immense amount of knitting of socks, and clothes for the soldiers in Africa. I guess that the girls haven't given up the thought of marriage, but they are very particular about the kind of man that they want to get "hooked up" with. Money seems to be the most hard-to-find factor in the men of these days!

One of the most shocking things that occurred in the old class is marriage of two members of the class. It seems that Pat Jones and Lloyd Davis got married just two years after graduation from high school and, of all things, they became a farm family. The farm is located in the rich, fertile part of the "Old Hollow" in the vicinity of Sparland. The Davis family has been quite successful and they have raised a whole squad of little Davis's numbering seventeen at the last count.

Another girl of the old class to remain around the hometown is Mauritta Straitmatter. Mert, always being a farm girl at heart, has become a devout hog raiser and chicken plucker. Mert went into the farming business by herself for the first four or five years after graduation, then she married some man whom she met up at the stockyards in Chicago while she was shipping some hogs there. Their farm is located in the heart of Steuben County in Illinois and it consists of 634 acres of fertile land. As a sideline from her farm chores, Mert took up chicken plucking. Mert is said to have broken the plucking record at the Marshall-Putnam Fair. She can have a chicken completely plucked in 67 seconds. Mert and her husband have raised quite a crop of children for themselves. They have had four sets of triplets and one set of twins and all of the kids have become champion corn huskers and nanny goat milkers except one little girl, and she just sits around and studies her shorthand and stenography.

Mr. Dalton just told me that the last guest is coming down the drive now. Golly, would you look at that huge car, and that flag waving from the top of it. The flag seems to be the Stars and Bars flag of the southern states during the Civil War. Now the car has stopped and the guest is getting out. Oh, it's the southern loyalist, Jack Hernciar. During the study of the Civil War back in high school, Jack always thought that the South got a dirty deal, and, it seems that after inheriting a large sum of money, Jack went into the southland and recreated an old fashioned plantation with slaves, just as it was before the war. This guy, always a playboy, really goes for the southern hospitality, and they say he is saving Confederate dollars because he believes that the South will rise again!

Well, I believe that takes care of all of the guests. Following the dinner, Mr. Dalton, Esq., is going to have everyone give some kind of talk on what they have done and accomplished during the ten years since high school days.

Oh, as for myself, I am Bob Turnbull, and I am Mr. Dalton's private valet and butler. I have been with Ivan ever since school days and due to my loyalty and service I will probably be with him for the rest of my life.



CLASS POEM

by Jo Anne Cambell

We are the Seniors of Spearland High
And in bidding our fond good-bye,
We'd like to leave these thoughts with you
About our past and our future, too.

Together we have stormed the years,
Have downed defeat and conquered fears;
Together we have climbed the hill----
Joanne, Merrielle, Jo Anne, Lucille.

Lloyd, too, was by our side,
And all the rest who here abide.
Yes, there was John who led the class;
His skill at "math" no one could pass.

And Bobby's reputation grew----
We marveled at the things he knew.
Who could remember all the dates
They crowded into our poor pates?

Yet Jack was with us all the while!
With his jaunty style and his cocky smile.
And let us not forget dear Dean,
Who, though very quiet, was often seen.

And then there's Doris, with her smile so shy---
And always so sweet, she should catch any guy.
But let us not forget Ruth Ann---
What a wonderful wife she'll make some man.

And then there's Barb, who plans the fine vocation
Of teaching Home Economics and Physical Education.
And what of Spike??? Your guess is as good as mine.
He'll probably surprise us all in time.

Let us not forget "Mert", with her shorthand so fast,
She'll make a Stenographer in the Grade "A" class.
We won't forget how Jim played ball---
In his Senior year he was tops of them all.

Pat joined us in our Junior year,
And soon became a friend quite dear.
Teaching is her planned vocation,
And so off to college for more education.

And there you have it...
You've met our class.
Every single one,
From first to last.

A merry class! A lively class!
There's none our humor could surpass.
We sang and danced and grew more gay
As nearer drew Commencement day.

All honor to our worthy school
We strived to prove with every rule;
All honor to the mark--that we
Have handed to posterity.

In history never will there rise
Our like again, we dare surmise.
First in work and first in play.---
What higher praises could one say?

CLASS MOTTO

"In God We Trust"

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

White Carnation





Wants to be: General in Army
Will probably be: Carnival Band



Wants to be: farmer
Will probably be: Traveling Salesman



Wants to be: Hobo
Will probably be: Gas Attendant



Wants to be: Nurse
Will probably be: Man Killer



Wants to be: in the Air Force
Will probably be: Confused



Wants to be: Doctor
Will probably be: Bull Fighter



Wants to be: Secretary
Will probably be: Bare-back Rider



Wants to be: Receptionist
Will probably be: Housewife



Wants to be: Uncertain
Will probably be: Bill-board Painter



Wants to be: Farmer
Will probably be: Farmer



Wants to be: Stenographer
Will probably be: Society Lady



Wants to be: Stenographer
Will probably be: Housewife



Wants to be: Secretary
Will probably be: In a Chinese Orchestra



Wants to be: Mechanical Engineer
Will probably be: Hatchery Manager



Wants to be: Electrical Engineer
Will probably be: Politician



Wants to be: Home Ec. Teacher
Will probably be: Housewife



juniors







Barbara Biggar



Carl Brown



Wayne Colwell



Dolly Gauwitz



Wayne Gallup



Louis Gries



Roger Griswold



Joe Watkins

The officers above are left to right (seated) Adviser, Miss Godsel; President, L. Gries; Ass't Adviser, Miss Garnes; V. President, D. Swanson; Secretary, B. Biggar; Treasurer, D. Nighswonger; Reporter, S. Schupp



Donita Swanson



Ruth Ann Hancher



Bernadine Henkins

The Juniors have been pretty busy this year with studies, the play, making money for the prom, and the other activities of the school.

We had a Levi-Soc Hop on September 23, for the whole high school. We had the class play "Spring Prom Magic" on April 22. The Junior-Senior Prom was held April 30, at the Carousel Room of the Pere Marquette Hotel. After the banquet everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Gale Webber's tuneful orchestra.

We have had a good year, and we look forward eagerly to being seniors next year.



Donna Nighswonger



Roger Hoskins



Harold Kennedy



Beverly Jones



Margaret Webber



Bill Hunt



Phillip Murphy



Ronnie Rumbold



Elsie Schultz



Sharon Schupp



Elva Jane Spicer



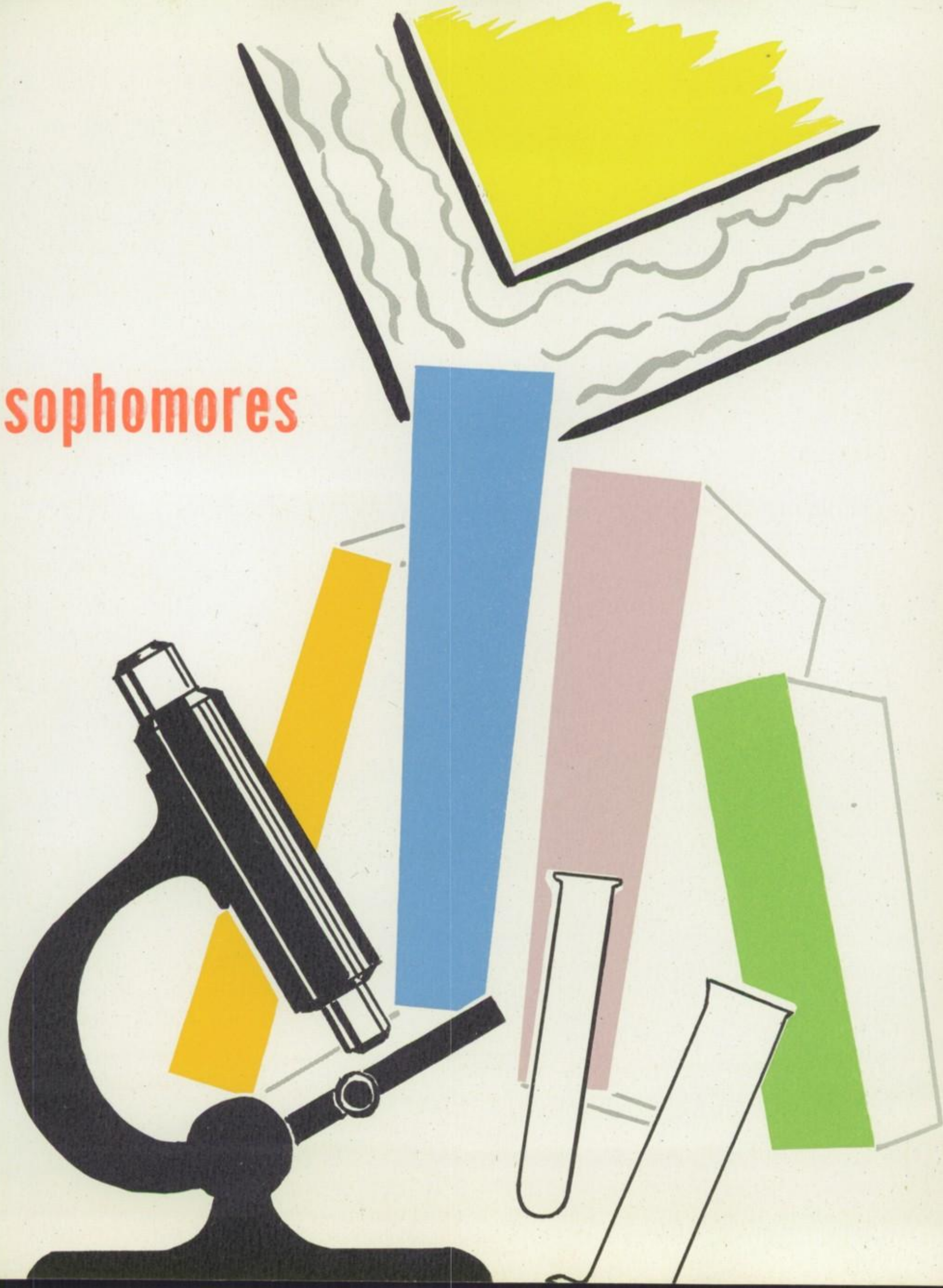
Beverly Summitt



Shirley Olson



sophomores





Ruth Ann Ehnle



Rosemary Kimble



Fern Byrd



Dorothy Appel



Donna Gill



The officers above are left to right (seated) Adviser, Mr. Babington; President, B. Slutz; (standing) Vice-President, B. Moody; Secretary, R. Ehnle; Treasurer, L. Greene; Reporter, D. Gill.



Lewis Greene

We have seventeen members this year. Our first party was a roller-skating party in Princeton.

On March 24, our class was in charge of the assembly program. We had the "Tune Tumblers" plus Don Vore and Lloyd Davis play for us. We also had our class talent take part in it.

On March 25, we had our last party, which included a "Box Social" from which we made a little profit. The "Tune Tumblers" were our entertainment again. We had a good crowd considering the winter weather.



Sharon Harvey



Frank Kingen



Don Lutes



Bill Moody



Melvin Olson



Judy Osborne



Thomas Ryan



Robert Slutz



Betty Smith

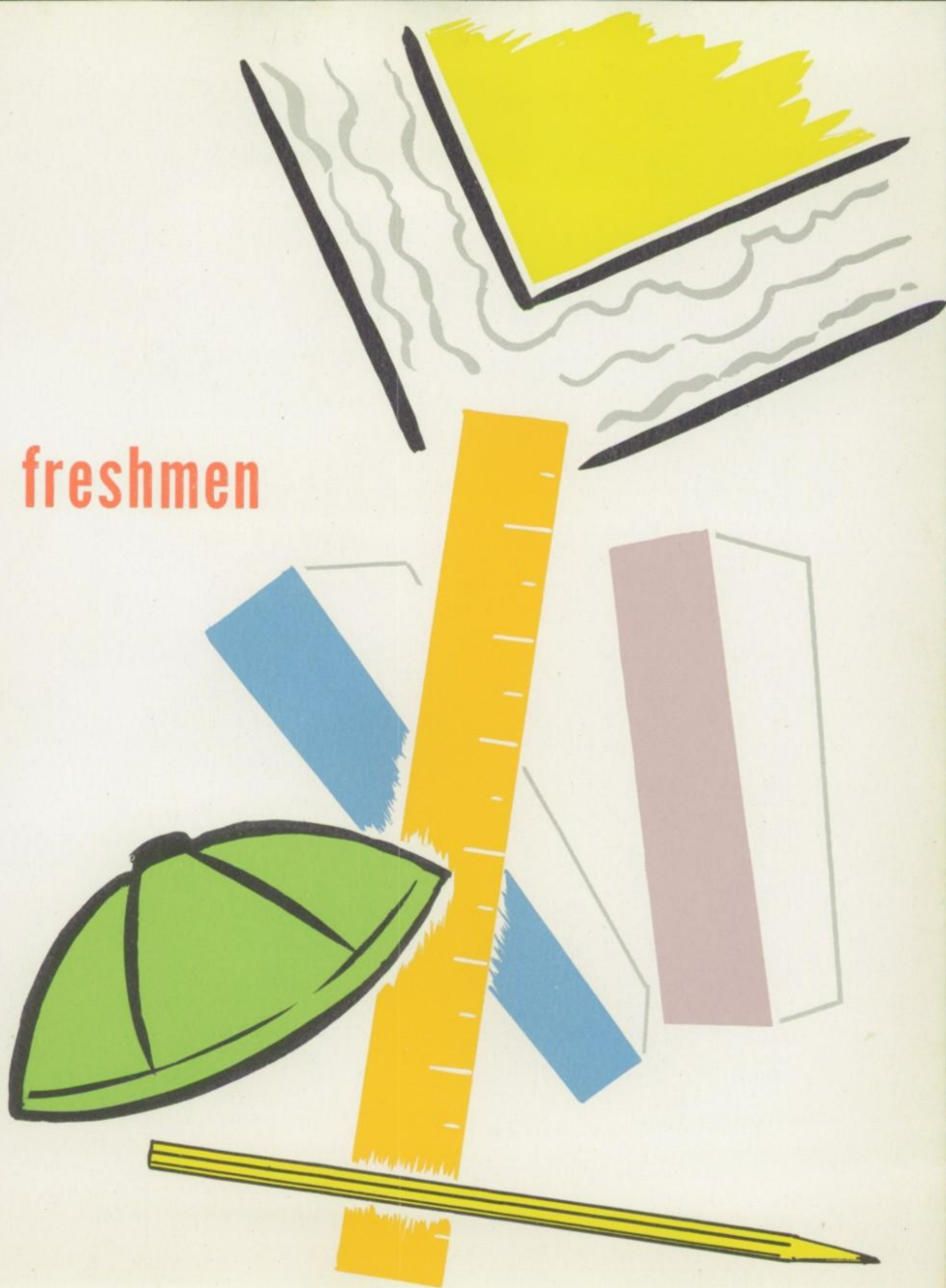


Donald Vore



Louise Waddle

freshmen







George Lishman



Jackie Stanfield



Wayne McCartney



Shirley Smith



Rosalie Brown



Frank McCuskey



Russell Olson



The officers above are left to right, (seated) Adviser, Mr. Turnbull; President, W. McCartney; (standing) Vice-President, G. Lishman; Secretary, E. Jones; Treasurer, J. Stanfield; Reporter, M. Gallup.

The Freshman class started to school last fall with twenty-eight members. Later we gained Rosalie Brown. Initiation was in October and, of course, the Seniors had fun. I think some of the Freshmen had just as much fun if not more than the Seniors. We had our first class party the second week in October. It was a truck ride.

We are looking forward to next year when we will be Sophomores.



Ronnie Pringle



Tom Peugh



Bonnie Mannon



Paul Mutta



Wilma Tanner



Jane Lopeman



Eulonda Jones



Carol Lutes



Jack Oltman



Kaye Moore



Jackie Greiner



Glenn Hankins



Margie Haycraft



Phyllis Holocker



Harold Johnson



Don Jury



James Brewer



Sandra Cline



John Dietrich



Helen Galli

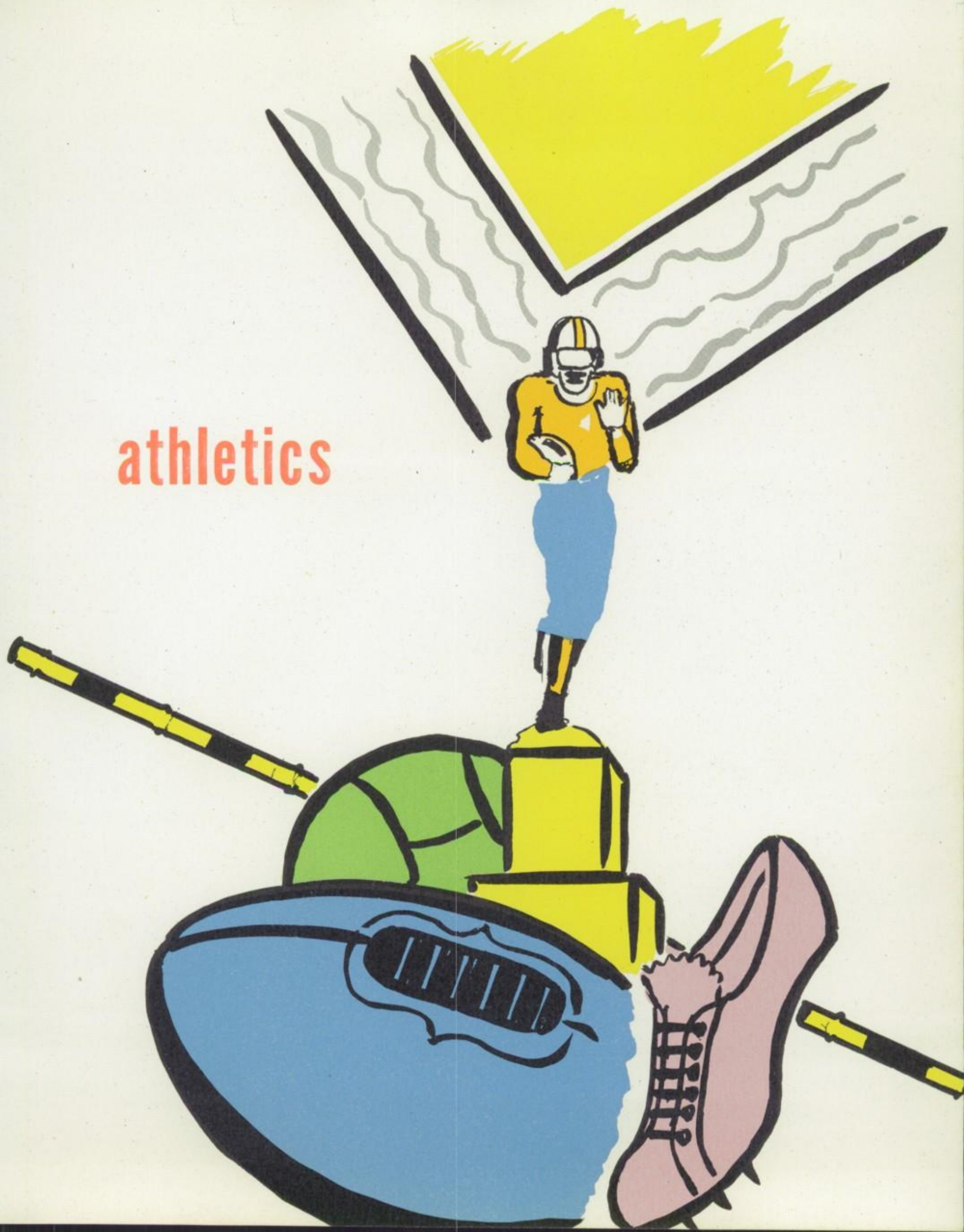


Marjorie Gallup



Valerie Kennedy

athletics







BASKETBALL SQUAD

Back Row Left to Right: Jim Davis, Ivan Dalton, Harold Kennedy, Jack Oltman, Tom Peugh, Bill Moody, Frank Kingen

Middle Row Left to Right: Frank McCuskey, Don Jury, Coach Brolley, Robert Slutz, Ronnie Rumbold

Front Row Left to Right: George Lishman, Don Vore, John Dietrich, Louis Gries, Tom Ryan, Glenn Hankins

	F.G.	Made	Missed	P.P.	T.P.	Av. Per Game
Curry	68	26	26	39	162	13.5
Kingen	60	43	28	60	163	7.8
Kennedy	50	47	55	53	147	7.3
Davis	55	24	18	64	134	6.1
Moody	45	35	33	52	125	5.9
Peugh	23	32	23	33	78	5.5
Dalton	11	15	18	25	37	3.7
McCuskey	9	7	4	5	25	2.9
Rumbold	15	12	12	44	42	2.6
Oltman	4	0	1	3	8	2.0
Dietrich	0	2	2	3	2	2.0
Hunt	0	4	8	7	4	1.1
Vore	1	0	1	3	2	.6
Hankins	0	0	3	3	0	.0

Won 5 Lost 17



CHEERLEADERS

Left to Right: Jo Anne Campbell, Sharon Schupp, Larry Slutz, Judy Osborne, Eulonda Jones



Jim Davis, Forward
Senior, 3 years varsity



Mr. Brolley, Coach



Harold Kennedy, Forward
Junior, 3 years varsity



Tom Feugh, Center
Freshman, 1 year varsity



Frank Kingen, Guard
Sophomore, 2 years varsity



Ronnie Rumbold, Guard
Junior, 1 year varsity



Ivan Delton, Center, Forward
Senior, 2 years varsity



Bill Moody, Forward
Sophomore, 2 years varsity



Jack Oltman, Forward
Freshman, 1 year varsity



Frank McCuskey, Guard
Freshman, 1 year varsity



BASEBALL SQUAD

Standing Left to Right: Frank McCuskey, Phillip Murphy, Don Jury, Ivan Dalton, Glenn Hankins, Louis Gries, Ronnie Rumbold, Robert Slutz, Don Vore (Manager)

Seated: Mr Brolley (Coach), Frank Kingen, Tom Peugh, Harold Kennedy, John Curry, Jack Hernejar, Bill Moody, Jim Davis

Baseball Scores

Sparland	Opponents	Sparland	Opponents
15	5 (Henry)	8	6 (Hopkins)
0	17 (Roanoke)	2	4 (Benson)
3	17 (Washburn)	4	9 (Wenona)
5	11 (Swaney)	10	11 (Lostant)
0	3 (Tonic)	13	12 (Toluca)

	<u>At Bat</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		<u>At Bat</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Moody	25	11	.440	Peugh	28	7	.250
Hankins	5	2	.400	Murphy	20	5	.250
Gries	19	7	.368	Kennedy	21	6	.181
Curry	30	10	.300	Slutz	20	3	.150
Davis	21	6	.285	Rumbold	23	2	.042

activities







STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to Right, Standing: Louis Gries, Tom Peugh, Bob Turnbull, Bonnie Mannon, Shirley Olson, Bernadine Hankins, Roger Griswold, Melvin Olson
Seated: Judy Osborne (Secretary), Lloyd Davis (Vice President), Mr. Jones (Adviser), John Curry (President), Donita Swanson (Treasurer)

This year two representatives were picked from each class and one representative from each organization for the Student Council.

As usual, the Student Council planned the program for freshmen initiation.

On December 23, we sponsored the annual Christmas dinner held in the gymnasium. The menu consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, salads, vegetables, and various desserts.

February 17, the student council members went to the Henry High School to the Tri-County Student Council Workshop which was an all-day affair. Helpful discussions were on such topics as, "Improving Your Student Council," and "Election of Officers."

Our plan of having Student Teacher Day was successful again this year on April 14. Barbara Biggar, Barbara McDonald, Lloyd Davis, Jim Davis, Melvin Olson, and John Curry were chosen by the teachers to take their places. Robert Turnbull acted as Mr. Jones; Joe Watkins as the janitor.



LIBRARY CLUB

Back Row, Left to Right: Elsie Schultz, Donna Gill, Beverly Summitt, Fern Byrd, Beverly Jones, Bernadine Hankins, Donna Nighswonger
Middle Row: Phyllis Holocker, Barbara Biggar, Sandra Cline, Jo Anne Campbell, Rosemary Kimble, Kaye Moore, Margie Haycraft, Betty Smith
Front Row: Miss Godsel (Adviser), Eulonda Jones, (Reporter), Donita Swanson (President), Elva Jane Spicer (Vice President), Jackie Stanfield (Secretary)

It is the duty of the club to keep the library in order, to check books in and out for the students. Some new interesting books have been added to the library this year.









SPARLAND BAND

Back Row, Left To Right: Nancy Stanfield, Mr. Blocher, Judy Osborne, Bob Turnbull, Jack Herncjar, Don Jury, Bill Moody, Ronnie Rumbold, Jane Lopeman, Ronnie Dietrich, Rosemary Kimble

Second Row: Lucille McCullough, Louis Gries, Shirley Olson, Ruth Ann Ehnle, Bonnie Jury, Duane Swanson, Mary Ann McDonald, Bernadine Hankins, Margie Gallup, Beverly Summitt, John Dietrich, Valeria Kennedy

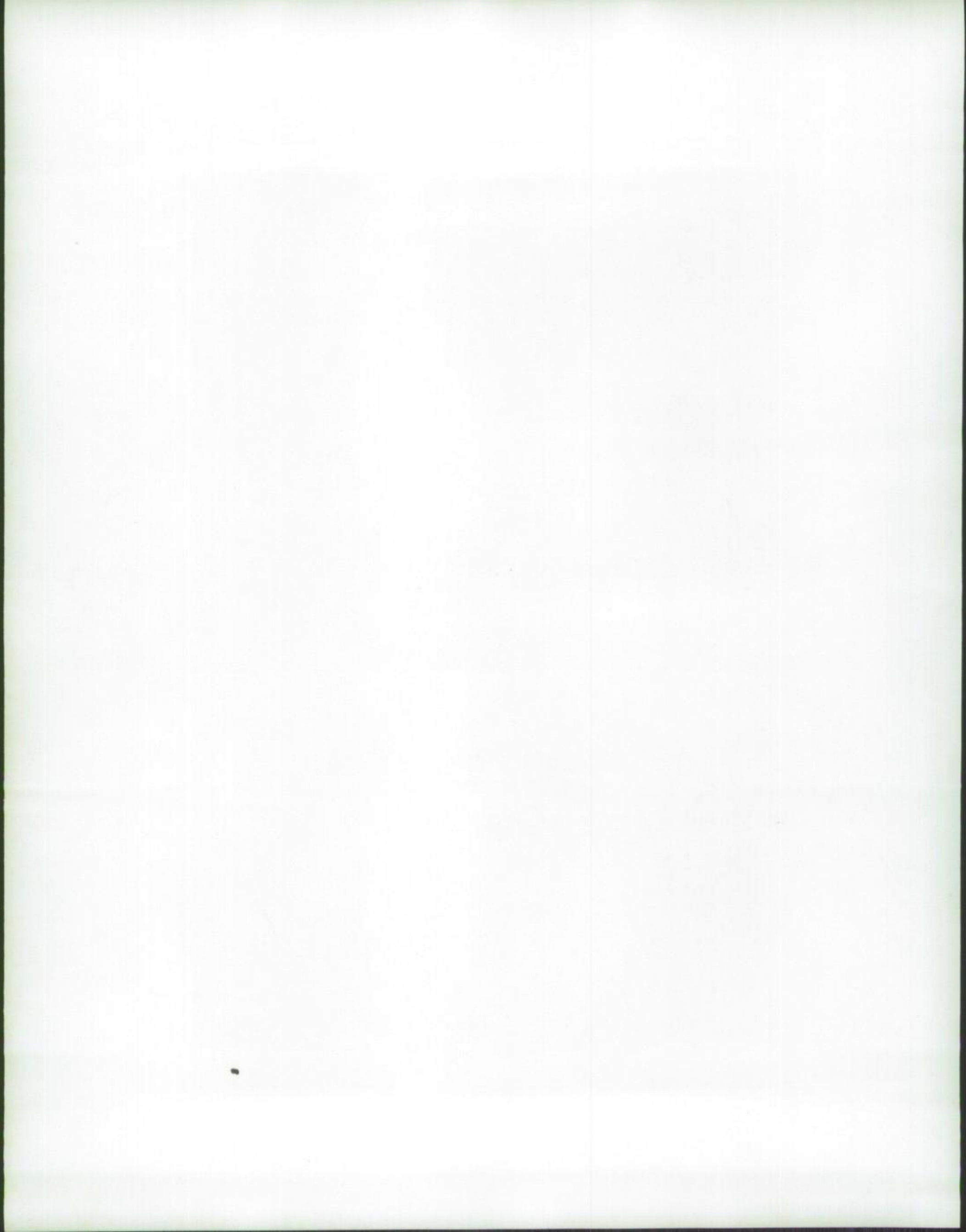
First Row: Jo Anne Campbell, Barbara Biggar, Barbara McDonald, Donna Gill, Wilma Tanner, Bobby Stanfield, Jackie Stanfield, Sharon Schupp, Eulonda Jones, Beverly Jones

Our band, active this year, began activities by marching in the Amboy Centennial Parade. We played at the State Fair during the summer and received an "A" rating. In October, we received a "Superior" rating in the marching contest at Macomb in their college homecoming parade. We marched in the Santa Claus parades in Henry, Chillicothe, and Peoria. We attended the Tri-County and the "Little Six" music festivals.

We entered different contests and ten entries reached the state event with these final state ratings: Bernadine Hankins, baton solo, (First); Beverly Jones, baton solo, (First); Jackie Stanfield, Bernadine Hankins, and Eulonda Jones, baton trio (First); Lucille McCullough, vocal solo, (First); Beverly Jones and Eulonda Jones, saxophone duet, (First); Bob Turnbull, vocal solo, (First); Jo Anne Campbell, clarinet solo, (Second); Donita Swanson, piano solo, (Second); Beverly Summitt and Shirley Olson, cornet duet (Third); Jo Anne Campbell and Barbara Biggar, clarinet duet, (Third)

We feel that we have an interesting and helpful year under the direction of Mr. Blocher.







GIRLS' CHORUS

Front Row, Left to Right: Judy Osborne, Ruth Ann Ehnle, Beverly Summitt, Jackie Stanfield, Donna Gill, Valeria Kennedy, Eulonda Jones, Jo Anne Campbell, Barbara Biggar, Dorothy Appel, Marjorie Gallup

Second Row: Kaye Moore, Bonnie Mannon, Helen Galli, Donita Swanson, Beverly Jones, Merrielle Jury, Jane Lopeman, Sandra Cline, Barbara McDonald, Shirley Olson, Ruth Ann Hancher, Margaret Webber, Mr. Blocher

Third Row: Carol Lutes, Jackie Greiner, Betty Smith, Doris Spellious, Mauritta Streitmatter, Patricia Jones, Ruth Ann Ryan, Lucille McCullough, Wilma Tanner, Louise Waddle, Shirley Smith, Rosemary Kimble, Rosalee Brown, Fern Byrd



BOYS' CHORUS

Back Row, Left to Right: James Brewer, Frank Kingen, Don Jury, George Lishman, Louis Gries, Ivan Dalton, John Dietrich
Seated: Bob Hankins, Wayne Gallup, Carl Brown, Ronnie Rumbold, Robert Turnbull, John Curry, Bill Moody, Mr. Blocher, Marjorie Gallup





F. F. A. Club

Standing, Left to Right: Phillip Murphy, Harold Johnson, Thomas Ryan, Tom Peugh, Carl Brown, Dean Probyn, Jack Oltman, Wayne McCartney, Don Lutes, Ronnie Pringle, Lewis Greene, Robert Slutz

Front Row: William Moody, Wayne Gallup, Melvin Olson, Bill Hunt, Louis Gries, Joe Watkins, Mr. Pearson (Adviser)

This year's grain judging team did a good job at the sectional contest. Melvin Olson was eighth high individual and Bill Moody was tenth. The team placed third.

The chain-gilts this year went to Ronnie Pringle and to Wayne McCartney. The chain gilt is a gilt given to any F. F. A. member who wants it and meets requirements. In return, he gives back two pigs to be used as chain gilts. If no one wants them, they are sold and the money goes into the chapter treasury.

The chapter sold garden seeds and picked corn to make money. We also sold rat and mouse poison to rid the community of pests. We are holding a pest control contest again, too.

A clock was purchased for our classroom this year by the chapter. Our group also sponsored a Parent-Son Banquet held April 1.

Our officers this year are: President, Bill Hunt; Vice President, Louis Gries; Treasurer, Joe Watkins; Secretary, Melvin Olson; Sectional, William Moody; Reporter, Wayne Gallup,





FUTURE HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Back Row, Left to Right: Valeria Kennedy, Shirley Olson, Rosalie Brown, Patricia Jones (Student Council Rep.), Fern Byrd, Margaret Webber, Ruth Ann Hancher, Ruth Ann Ehnlé, Eulonda Jones, Beverly Summitt, Elva Jane Spicer
 Second Row: Jane Lopeman, Dolly Gauwitz, Bonnie Mannon, Donita Nighswonger, Donna Gill, Dorothy Appel, Bernadine Hankins, Jo Anne Campbell, Wilma Tanner, Sandra Cline
 Third Row: Phyllis Holocker, Mauritta Streitmatter, Louise Waddle, Barbara Bigger, Kaye Moore, Ruth Ann Ryan (Public Relations Chairman), Jackie Greiner, Sharon Harvey, Doris Spellious, Judy Osborne, Mergie Haycraft
 Fourth Row: Betty Smith, Marjorie Gallup, Jackie Stanfield, Eisie Schultz (Parliamentarian), Rosemary Kimble (Projects Chairman), Lucille McCullough (President), Barbara McDonald (Recreation Chairman), Joanne Thielbar (Historian), Carol Lutes, Shirley Smith, Helen Galli
 Seated: Miss Garnes (Adviser), Donita Swanson (Secretary), Beverly Jones (Vice President), Sharon Schupp (Treasurer)

The F. H. A. girls have been quite busy this year.

Last summer we entered a float in the Lacon "Old Settlers" parade. The theme was "Torch of Democracy" with the Statue of Liberty and girls dressed in foreign costumes to represent other countries.

We have tried something different this year. The girls get points for different things such as being on committees or helping with the float. The eight girls with the highest number of points at the end of the year will get to take a trip.

One of the F.H.A. girls' projects for this year was collecting clothes to send to Korea. Another was putting on a program for the people at the "Shady Elms Convalescent Home in Chillicothe. Several of the girls played or sang and then served refreshments to everyone. All seemed to enjoy it. "Hobo Day" was held again this year. The girls did small jobs such as washing windows, cleaning, house, raking lawns, etc.

At Christmas time the girls went caroling to the different homes in Lacon.

National F.H.A. Week was November 1-5. On Monday, we wore our F.H.A. pins; Tuesday, we cleaned our lockers; Wednesday, we wore something red and white; Thursday, we kept our desk tops clean; Friday, we changed our hair styles.

November 4, Mrs. Hildred Wilson talked and demonstrated hair styling, cutting, and setting hair. February 7, the F.H.A. girls had a Tupper Ware plastic party with Mrs. Esther Placher as demonstrator. This was another F.H.A. money making plan. April 1, the girls served the F.F.A. Banquet as has been the enjoyable custom.

The Spring Rally was held at Ohio, Illinois, April 23. Quite a few went to enjoy the program and meeting other F.H.A. girls.

On May 17 will be the formal installation of the 1955-1956 officers.





GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Back Row, Left to Right: Elva Jane Spicer, Eulonda Jones, Patricia Jones, Ruth Ann Ehnle, Rosalie Brown, Beverly Summitt, Valeria Kennedy
 Fourth Row: Elsie Schultz, Bonnie Mannon, Donna Nighswonger, Bernadine Hankins, Donita Swanson, Wilma Tanner, Dolly Gauwitz
 Third Row: Jane Lopeman, Doris Spellious, Barbara McDonald, Sharon Schupp, Mauritta Streitmatter, Sandra Cline, Kay Moore
 Second Row: Marjorie Gallup, Carol Lutes, Margie Haycraft, Jackie Greiner, Phyllis Holocker, Helen Galli, Jackie Stanfield
 First Row: Mr. Babington (Adviser), Lucille McCullough (President), Merrielle Jury (Reporter) Jo Anne Campbell (Point Keeper), Miss Garnes, (Adviser)

The first event of the year for the G. A. A. was the play day at Eureka. This was held in October and seven of the girls went, accompanied by Miss Garnes.

The girls have all worked very hard this year to earn points for their awards. Most points have been earned through extra gym classes and stunts.

A few of the girls have passed tests in basketball, baseball, and various other sports. The last semester we sponsored the sale of sweat shirts and jackets with our school emblems on them. We also sold emblems for sweaters.

The final event of the year was the spring play day. This was held on May 14, and a large number of girls attended. The seniors were unable to attend as this was the same week end as their senior trip.



PEP CLUB

" We, the students and teachers of Sparland High School, do hereby unite to form the Pep Club of Sparland High School for the betterment of athletics and school spirit. Our goals will be good conduct, good sportmanship, and above all, good relationship towards opposing schools and their officials." A member chosen by the club from each class and the cheerleaders chose the above creed which was signed by all members. We feel that our club has helped to get more to the games, to promote sportmanship, and to build up school spirit.





EL CIRCULO ESPAÑOL

Back Row, Left to Right: Donna Gill, la tesorera; Ruth Ann Ehnle, la secretaria de correspondencia; Eulonda Jones, la presidente de programas
Front Row: Judy Osborne, la presidenta; Jo Anne Campbell, la vice-presidenta; Jackie Stanfield, la secretaria

¡Hola, amigos! Quiero decirle que la estudio de español es muy interesante.

Although our Spanish class taught by Miss Hadley was small this year, we decided to organize a club and plan extra activities besides our regular class.

On October 18, we went to a Pan-American party at Kewanee High School where we met with about two hundred and fifty others. December 18, we attended the Christmas party and program at Manual High School in Peoria where we sang "Mexicali Rosa" and Jackie Stanfield and Eulonda Jones danced "La Chiapanecas." Here we won a second prize with a Christmas card made by the club and entered in the card contest. On December 24, we each contributed a number to a Christmas party in our class. On February 3, the F.H.A. Club asked us to add our Spanish song to their program given at the Shady Elms Convalescent Home. The last meeting was April 16 at Pekin High School where we met with clubs from seven other schools. At this meeting Judy Osborne sang, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anyone Else But Me," in Spanish, of course.



DRIVERS' EDUCATION CLASS

Left to Right: Dorothy Appel, Louise Waddell, Tommy Ryan, Bobby Slutz, Mr. Turnbull (Instructor), Ruth Ann Ryan, Sharon Schupp, Joanne Thielbar, Patricia Jones, Shirley Olson, Elsie Schultz, Ruth Ann Hancher, Bernadine Hankins

We think this will be a popular course as long as Mr. Turnbull is willing to trust his life to so many "greenhorn" drivers. This year, in a jerky manner of course for awhile, we zoomed, screeched, and whizzed around in a nifty Oldsmobile. With both indoor discussions and outside meetings, we feel that we have learned the rules of the road, how to manipulate a car, what makes it work, and the importance of being a safe driver. Well, let's go for a ride now.





HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN'

Director.	Mr. Lippencott
Paw Hollowbone.	Lloyd Davis
Maw Hollowbone.	Mauritta Streitmatter
Homer Hollowbone.	John Curry
Sarah Jo Hollowbone	Pat Jones
Gracie May Hollowbone	Jo Anne Campbell
Fannie May Hollowbone	Rugh Stuff
Pepper Hollowbone	Bob Turnbull
Sis Hollowbone	Louise Waddle
Granpappy Hankley	Jim Davis
Widow Blairhouse	Doris Spellious
Bertha Blairhouse	Barbara McDonald
Slim Blairhouse	Dean Probyn
Millissa Dugan	Lucille McCullough
Hortense Todd	Joanne Thielbar
Isable Todd	Ruth Ann Ryan

The central character, Homer Hollowbone, falls in love with a city girl whose picture he found in a newspaper wrapped around a can of fish. He writes to her and boasts of his great wealth although he lives in the very worst of conditions. Gracie May, Homer's sister, finds some of the letters and thinks he is writing to a local girl, Bertha Blairhouse. Bertha arrives on the scene when she takes refuge from a snow storm at the Hollow bone house. Then, to make matters more complicated, Melissa Dugan arrives at the Hollowbone home and tells of being lost in a snow storm while looking for her rich Homer. Homer then tries to hide his identity but Melissa finds out and her method of revenge was very entertaining. Homer becomes engaged to Bertha, whom he dearly dislikes, and during this time he sometimes thinks he is a dog. The play had a surprise ending and was a big success.



HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN'







BOARDING HOUSE REACH

Director.	Miss Godsel
Wilbur Maxwell.	Bob Turnbull
Hercules Nelson	Lloyd Davis
Betty Lou Maxwell	Jo Anne Campbell
Connie Maxwell.	Lucille McCullough
Janet Maxwell	Pat Jones
Aunt Mary	Merrielle Jury
Limpy McQuire	Ivan Dalton
Limpy's Wife.	Barbara McDonald
Herman "90 Volt" Jones.	Jim Davis
Rough House Ruby.	Mauritta Streitmatter
Mrs. Mott	Doris Spellious
Connolly	Jack Herncjar
Lucy Burns.	Ruth Ann Ryan
Mr. Potter	Dean Probyn
John Maxwell.	John Curry

Sixteen members of the Sparland Senior Class presented "The Boarding House Reach," a comedy in three acts. The story is about a 13-year-old Wilbur Maxwell who has always wanted a bicycle. He could not persuade his parents to buy him one. The father and mother leave home for a week on a business trip so Wilbur gets busy to find a way to earn money with which to buy a bicycle. He rents every room in the Maxwell home, for a week. However, before the story closes, many many problems grew into great troubles, but finally ends in Wilbur getting his bicycle.





"BOARDING HOUSE REACH"





HOMECOMING



The annual homecoming of Sparland High was held December 17. Sparland won a very exciting game from Rutland. Many stayed for the dance and queen coronation.

The gym was elaborately decorated in red and green carrying out the Christmas theme. Since Sparland's mascot is the mountain goat, and Rutland's the ranger, these decorated the side walls. The stage was outlined with Christmas colored lights. Red and green streamers formed the background of the stage. Around the queen's chair was a frame so that when the queen was on her throne, she was pretty as a picture.

The dance began around 10:30 p.m. with the queen coronation. With Dick Weber's orchestra playing some choice music, the procession got underway.

Down the white aisle, in the spotlight, came Janet Fleming and Gary McCullough leading the procession. Then came Marjorie Gallup, the freshman candidate and her chosen escort, John Dietrich; Donna Gill, sophomore candidate and her escort, Bill Moody; Donna Nighswonger, the junior candidate and escort, Louis Gries; Lucille McCullough, senior candidate and her chosen escort, Dean Probyn. This was a very exciting moment for none of the candidates knew whom the classes had chosen until the procession had gotten on the stage and it was announced.

Louis Gries, the escort of Donna Nighswonger, crowned her our homecoming queen. After the king and queen led the procession off the stage, the royal court led the first dance, which was a progressive one. Everyone enjoyed the coronation, and a wonderful evening dancing to Dick Weber's orchestra.







GIRLS' P. E. CLASS

Back Row, Left to Right: Ruth Ann Ryan, Rosalee Brown, Patricia Jones, Ruth Ann Ehnle, Ruth Ann Hancher, Margaret Webber, Fern Byrd, Beverly Jones, Eulonda Jones, Beverly Summitt, Shirley Olson
 Fourth Row: Sharon Schupp, Barbara McDonald, Joanne Thielbar, Bernadine Hankins, Valeria Kennedy, Elva Jane Spicer, Dorothy Appel, Donna Gill, Jo Anne Campbell, Mauritta Streitmatter
 Third Row: Dolly Gauwitz, Wilma Tanner, Bonnie Mannon, Donna Nighswonger, Judy Osborne, Merrielle Jury, Doris Spellious, Donita Swanson, Lucille McCullough, Elsie Schultz
 Second Row: Miss Garnes, Jackie Greiner, Rosemary Kimble, Barbara Biggar, Sandra Cline, Louise Waddle, Sharon Harvey, Jane Lopeman, Kaye Moore, Mr. Babington
 First Row: Betty Smith, Marjorie Gallup, Jackie Stanfield, Phyllis Holocker, Margie Haycraft, Carol Lutes, Shirley Smith, Helen Galli



BOYS' P. E. CLASS

Top Row, Left to Right: Tom Peugh, Jack Oltman, Jack Herncjer, Wayne McCartney, Louis Gries, Harold Kennedy
 Third Row: Frank Kingen, Rodger Hoskins, Jim Brewer, Carl Brown, Ivan Dalton, James Davis, Paul Mutta
 Second Row: George Lishman, Wayne Colwell, Glenn Hankins, John Dietrich, Wayne Gallup, Don Vore, Mr. Brolley
 Front Row: Ronald Pringle, Frank McCuskey, Phillip Murphy, Don Jury, Ronnie Rumbold, Donald Lutes, Louis Greene





FAMILY LIVING



AGRICULTURE III



HOME ECONOMICS I



U. S. HISTORY



BIOLOGY



PHYSICS





ENGLISH I



TYPING



ENGLISH II





JUNIOR CLASS



SOPHOMORE CLASS



FRESHMEN CLASS







SPARLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Now that a new high school building is being made for future students, beginning September, 1955, it is fitting that we the last group of seniors to be graduated from the present school, reminisce a bit about the building in which we have worked and had fun, made new friends, and received some of our training for the future.

Although the very first Sparland school is now the resident home of Miss Della M. Taylor on Church Street, our present school is standing on the site granted March 10, 1843, from the United States to John Cornell. The first brick building built here for \$16,000 burned February 10, 1905. However, the cornerstone for our present building was laid June 28, 1905, and was ready for use in October of that year; and with additions in 1930 and 1950 has been struggling to keep up with the increasing enrolments.

From this building there has been graduated a group of seniors each year as the first high school here was organized by Mr. J. R. Bouton. The first class was graduated in June, 1895, with one member, Frank Bussell, completing the course of study.

Our school, fifty years old at the same time that Sparland is one hundred, has seen many students come and go. And now may the new building, which the present administration is planning to make one of the best of its size in the state, be as useful to future students and help all to be good citizens.



Centennial

1855



1955

Route 29



The Depot



Downtown



Street Scene



Taylor Store



"Old School"

Burned Feb. 10, 1905
rebuilt Oct. 23, 1905





"Legs"



Puff! Puff!



"Pony-Boy"



Slumber Party?



Wowee!



Four-Some



Lovers?



"That Tulip Trip"



Sleepy?



Ain't We Cute?



Jitters?



A-w-w-w!



"Limbo + Punk"



Muck + Dimps



Ready, Nora!



"Jean" Girls!



Our English Teacher?



Bus Kids!



Oh, Gad!



Diving???



Play-Girls



Hug Me! Bud



A Haircut?



Giddyup!



Hoboes!



Bubbles



Barbering?



Oops!



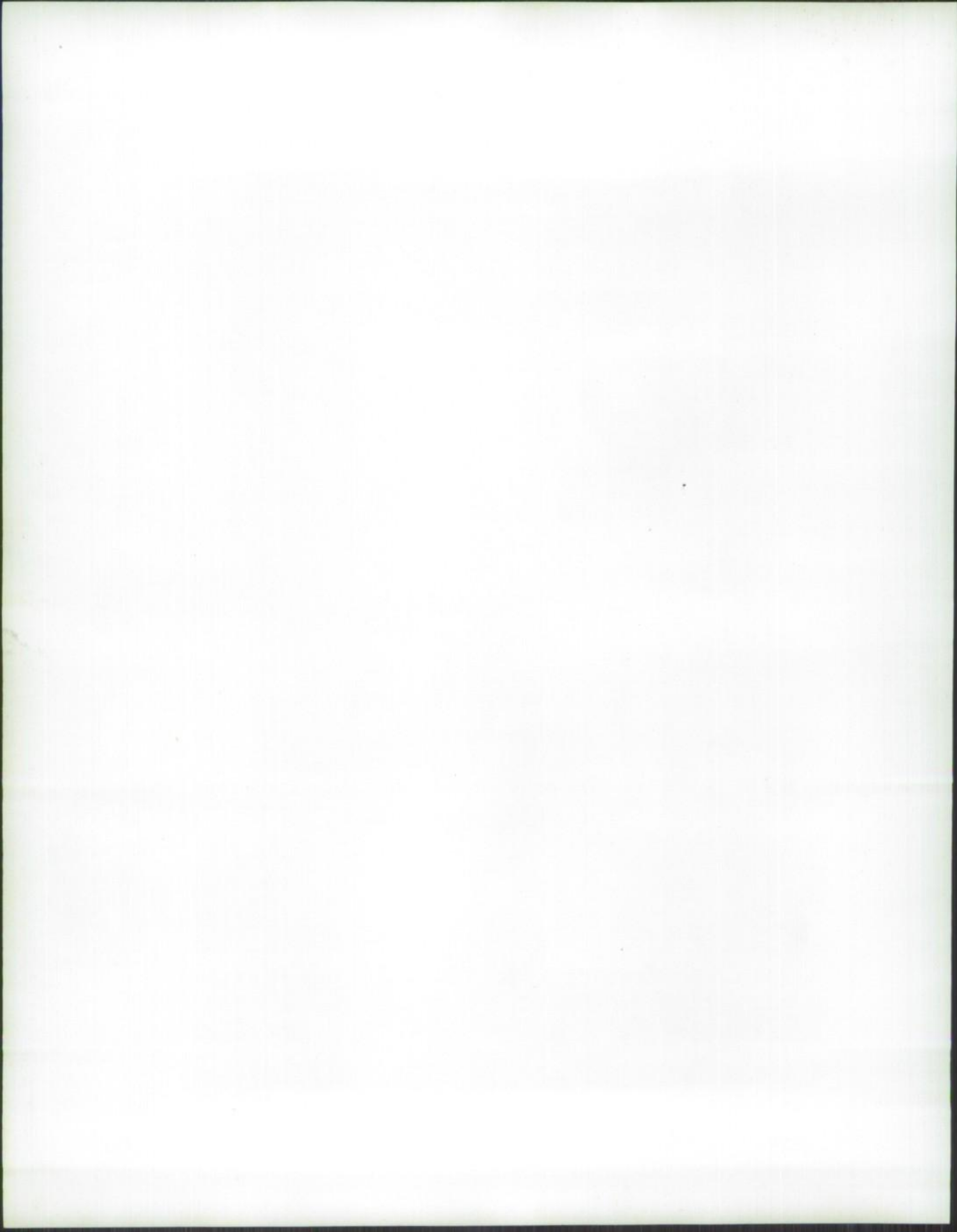
Sonata?



Hi, Sen!



Come on-get it!





"Old Folks?"



"Leggy Tee"

"Milk Girl"



"Slurp"

"Charged"

"Green Ones"



"Dancin'?"

"Feetsies!"

"Slink?"



"Pouped"

Cantandas Señoritas

"Kaye + Dewer"



"Eyes"

"BAND"

"Go-on-s!"





Tom Peugh



Installation of Officers



Wayne M.



Ronnie Pringle



Xmas Party



"L-o-o-k-e-e-y"



Harold J.



Jim Brewer



Present Time



Santa & Dolly



"Save the Wrappings"



Moms Came Too!





Just Resting



"These Darn Girls"



"The Deweas"



"Our Janitor"



"Coke Time"



"Pay Up, Mert"



"Love?"



"Spare, Me?"



"Muck-a-Swingin"



"O-o-o-o-oops"



Surprise!



What A Party



"Bashful?"



"Picnikers!"



Ipana Smiles?



"Shh! Boom!"



"Pajama Game"



A Float?



"Rocky!"



Guess Who?



"Hee-Haw"



"Ride 'Em"



Pulling A Leg?



"Class of '55"



Whooo!



Oh, Those Kameras



Lucy



Jo



"Ellis"



Jo T.



Ruth



Mert



Donna



MARJ



Ruth E.



Jim



Bev.



Bob



Eulonda



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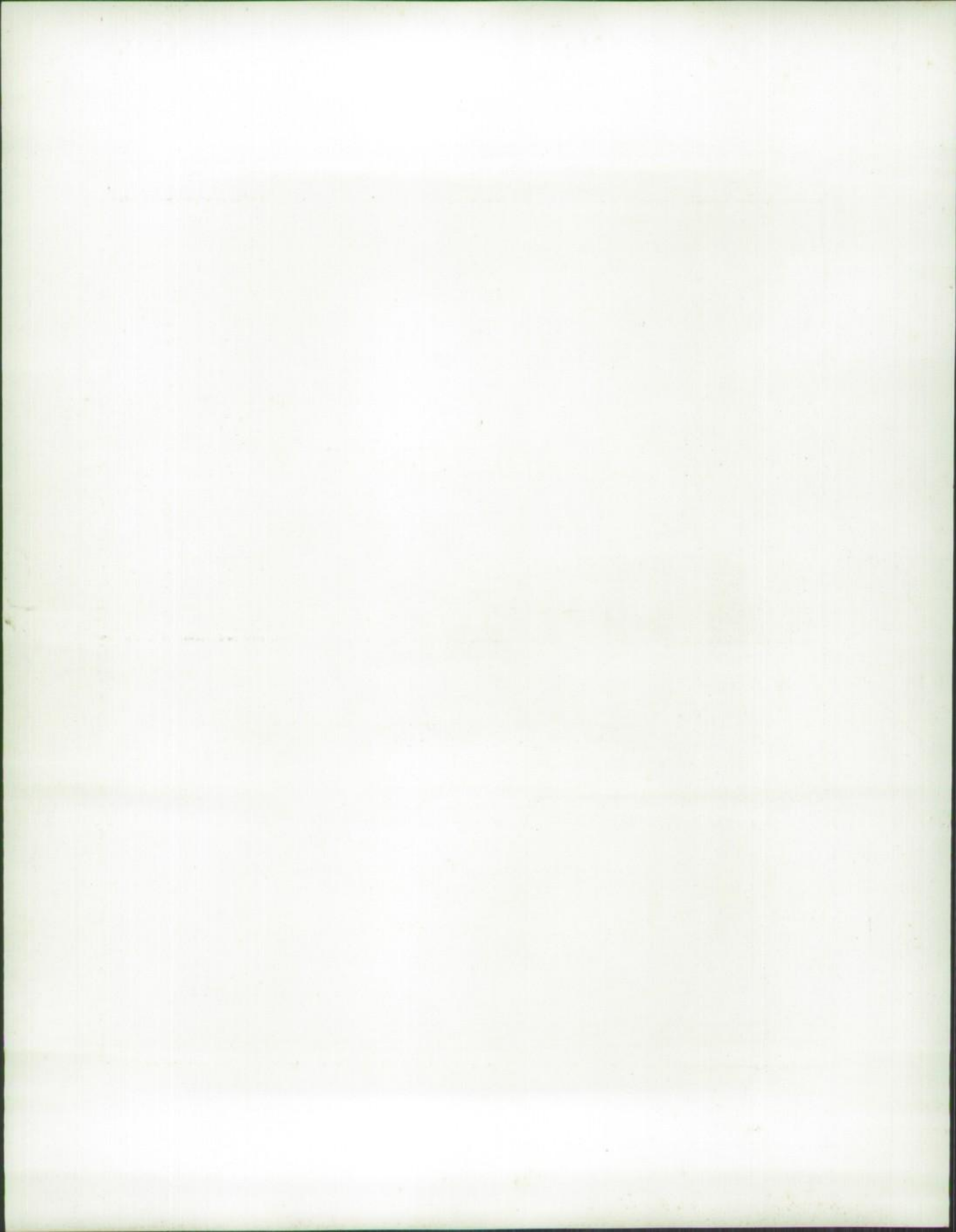
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